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Applicant(s): Stephen SOLOMON

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Examiner : Peter J. Vrettakos

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005, the term for response to which expires on June 30, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are maintained; claims 16-19 are amended; and claim 20 is canceled.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Amendment (9)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below

Daniel J. Bersohn

Dated: <u>June 28, 2005</u>

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